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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (ORIGINAL) A cover sheet for impressing a pattern on a thermoplastic surface of an emblem, comprising:
 - a base layer;
 - a heat application release coating on the base layer;
 - said release coating exhibiting a heat resistant and pressure resistant debossed or embossed impression complementing the pattern; and
 - said cover sheet, when placed with its release coating against and in registry with the thermoplastic surface of an emblem and heat and pressure are applied on said cover sheet and toward the emblem, the pattern is formed on the thermoplastic surface of the emblem.
2. (ORIGINAL) The cover sheet in claim 1 wherein said base layer is selected from the group consisting of paper, fabric and plastic.
3. (ORIGINAL) The cover sheet in claim 1 wherein said coating is selected from the group consisting of silicone, vinyl and urethane.
4. (ORIGINAL) The cover sheet in claim 1 wherein said coating exhibits an engraved impression formed by using a laser cutter or a precision knife.
5. (ORIGINAL) The cover sheet in claim 1, wherein said coating exhibits an impression formed by stamping to boss the complemental pattern on said coating.
6. (ORIGINAL) A cover sheet combination for impressing a pattern on the surface of an emblem while affixing it to a substrate, comprising:
 - a cover sheet having a base layer and a release coating on one face thereof;

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an emblem having an upper thermoplastic layer and a lower adhesive layer;
said release coating having an impression complementing the pattern;
said emblem being positioned on the substrate in a location such that said upper thermoplastic layer is exposed;

said cover sheet being superimposed on said emblem such that said release coating is in mating engagement with said upper thermoplastic layer;

said cover sheet being heated and pressed toward the substrate and against said emblem to affix said emblem to the substrate and form the desired pattern on the emblem.

[7-12. (CANCELLED)]

[Please add new claims 13-17 as follows:]

13. A cover sheet for impressing a pattern on a thermoplastic surface of an emblem, consisting of:

a base layer;

a heat application release coating on the base layer;

said release coating exhibiting a heat resistant and pressure resistant debossed or embossed impression complementing the pattern; and

said cover sheet, when placed with its release coating against and in registry with the thermoplastic surface of an emblem and heat and pressure are applied on said cover sheet and toward the emblem, the pattern is formed on the thermoplastic surface of the emblem.

14. The cover sheet in claim 13 wherein said base layer is selected from the group consisting of paper, fabric and plastic.

15. The cover sheet in claim 13 wherein said coating is selected from the group consisting of silicone, vinyl and urethane.

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16. The cover sheet in claim 13 wherein said coating exhibits an engraved impression formed by using a laser cutter or a precision knife.

17. The cover sheet in claim 13, wherein said coating exhibits an impression formed by stamping to boss the complemental pattern on said coating.
